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## Awaiting sentencing, Ellicott City man charged with groping incident

An Ellicott City man who was awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to a series of groping incidents has been charged in another groping incident at a local Target store last week.

Jeremy Kaho Ng, 27, of 10029 Whitworth Way, was charged with second-degree assault, stalking and fourth-degree sex offense.

Ng was convicted in Howard County District Court on July 15 on three counts of fourth-degree sex offense in connection with three groping incidents that took place last year. He was released on bond pending his Aug. 8 sentencing.

In the most recent incident on July 17, a woman who was shopping at Target in the 6100 block of Dobbin Road, Columbia, approached a police officer on scene for an unrelated call. The woman told police she was being followed in the store by an unknown male suspect and that at one point the man walked behind her and grabbed her buttocks. The man was also seen standing near the woman's vehicle as she exited the store. The woman also noticed a white Dodge Ram truck, later determined to be registered to Ng, followed her vehicle as she left the parking lot.

Through investigation, Ng was identified as the suspect. He turned himself into authorities on July 19.

He is being held in the Howard County Detention Center on \$175,000 bond.

In the incidents from last year, Ng inappropriately touched women in a Columbia apartment parking lot, a Best Buy parking lot and in a parking lot at the Mall in Columbia. Police urge anyone who may have experienced similar incidents since January 2014 to contact police at 410-313-STOP.